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PATENT  
Atty. Dkt. No. 054707-1225**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gregory S. HAMILTON et al.  
Title: N-LINKED SULFONAMIDES OF  
N-HETEROCYCLIC  
CARBOXYLIC ACIDS OR  
CARBOXYLIC ACID  
ISOSTERES

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 7, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory period for response expires Tuesday, December 7, 2004, this response is timely filed.

**I. Disposition Of The Claims**

Claims 72-85 are pending. Claims 78-79 and 81-85 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 72-77 and 80 stand rejected.

**II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph**

Claims 75 and 77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for referring to example numbers and letters from the application. See Office action, ¶ 2. Citing